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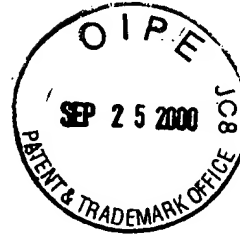
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/549,967

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For: SYSTEM FOR ALIGNING  
DOCUMENT IMAGES WHEN  
SCANNED IN DUPLEX MODE

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, line 7, insert The present application is a divisional of and claims

priority from U.S. Patent Application No. 08/852,489 filed May 7, 1997 (which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,067,385), the entire contents of which are herein incorporated by reference for all purposes; and

Page 7, line 27, replace "As" with --At--.

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